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National Health Insurance

MEDICAL BENEFIT REGULATIONS

Deputation from the Insurance Acts Committee to the Minister of Health

On February 12th the Minister of Health (Sir E. Hilton Young), who was accompanied by Sir Arthur Robinson, Sir Walter Kinnear, Mr. Heseltine, and Sir James Smith-Whitaker, received a deputation from the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association. The deputation was introduced by Dr. H. G. Dain, and included Dr. J. W. Bone, Dr. McCarthy, Dr. Scott, Dr. Winstanley, and Dr. G. C. Anderson.

Dr. Dain said that the question which the deputation wished to discuss was that of the right of an insured person to change his doctor. It had always been the view of the British Medical Association that insured persons should have as much freedom as possible. The Regulations on the subject have been altered many times since 1911, but eventually the position was reached that an insured person could change his doctor at any time. That right was being whittled away. The Regulations were first so altered as to require fourteen days' notice, though the Insurance Acts Committee did not object to that, and now a further alteration had been made as a result of which a patient could only change his doctor once a quarter, and after giving a month's notice. The Insurance Acts Committee objected strongly to the new provision. The committee thought that free choice of doctor was desirable as tending to the proper operation of the law of supply and demand. It promoted a better service by encouraging competition between doctors; it eased the relationship between a doctor and his patient; it helped a doctor taking over a new practice; it limited fee charging; it reduced complaints; and it made it easier for young practitioners to set up on their own. So far as the deputation was aware there were only two disadvantages to the free choice of doctor. First, the risk of canvassing; but the fourteen days' notice, to which the Insurance Acts Committee had no objection, had diminished this. Secondly, the risk of lax certification, which was, in fact, the ground for altering the Regulations. No doubt cases of lax certification had occurred, but the Insurance Acts Committee believed that they had been greatly exaggerated, and that the alteration was in the nature of "panic legislation." It was true that sickness benefit had now fallen, but this was in no way due to the alteration of the Regulations, as the Regulations were not altered until after the fall.

The Minister said that the arguments which Dr. Dain had put forward in support of the free choice of doctor were all sound arguments. He did not dispute their force, but what he had to determine was the weight which should be attached to them as against the considerations pointing in the opposite direction. The deputation was not asking for complete freedom of choice, as it accepted the requirement of fourteen days' notice. The question at issue was consequently one of degree and not of principle. He was at one with the deputation in desiring to maintain the greatest possible degree of freedom; but there was another side to the picture. The approved societies had made strong representations that more than fourteen days' notice was needed if irregularities were to be checked. On the whole, he thought that the additional check afforded by the reversion to a quarterly change had been useful. In any event, it was most undesirable to make constant alterations in the Regulations, and he had not sufficient evidence before him to justify an alteration at present.

Dr. Dain said that the Insurance Acts Committee had not expected that the Minister would be willing to make any alteration at present, but it had desired to make clear to him, early in his term of office, its views on the subject. He would like to mention two small, though practical, difficulties which had been brought to his notice. The requirement of a month's notice of intention to change doctor sometimes worked hardly. If, through an oversight, notice was not given in time, the patient was tied to his doctor for another three months. It seemed unnecessary to insist upon as much as a month's notice. The quarterly change system also operated hardly in country practices. When a patient moved to a new address in a rural district, and yet remained within the area of practice of his old doctor, he could not change until the end of the quarter, even though there was a doctor practising nearer to his new address.

Dr. McCarthy said that the provision by which a patient could change his doctor immediately with the consent of both doctors was largely inoperative, because patients were very unwilling to tell their doctors that they wished to leave them.

Dr. Anderson said that the Insurance Acts Committee was not the only body that wished to return to a fort-

nightly change. There was a considerable section of approved societies, in addition to Insurance Committees, who took the same view as the Insurance Acts Committee.

The MINISTER said that he would take into consideration the further points raised.

EMERGENCY ECONOMY ARRANGEMENTS AND THE CAPITATION FEE

The Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association asked the Ministry of Health to urge upon Insurance Committees when sending out quarterly cheques to insurance practitioners to intimate that the amount forwarded was less the 10 per cent. economy deduction, or, alternatively, to illustrate such fact by means of calculations accompanying the cheque. The Ministry of Health, in reply, stated that steps will be taken in accordance with the suggestion of the Insurance Acts Committee to secure that Insurance Committees, in making payments under these arrangements, convey to doctors an intimation that the payments have been made subject to the deduction explained in Form G.P. 74, which is as follows:

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Reduction in Amount of Central Practitioners' Fund

In view of the imperative necessity of effecting immediate reductions in national expenditure, H.M. Government have decided that the amount of the Central Practitioners' Fund, which is at present calculated on the basis of a capitation fee of 9s., shall be made subject to a deduction of 10 per cent. with effect from the 1st October, 1931. Effect has been given to this decision by an Order in Council (the National Economy (National Health Insurance) Order, 1931) made under the National Economy Act, 1931.

The amounts otherwise payable to insurance doctors from the Practitioners' Fund in respect of the quarter beginning on the 1st October, 1931, and until further notice, will accordingly be made subject to a deduction of similar amount.

Ministry of Health, London, S.W.1.

Correspondence

FUTURE OF PANEL PRACTICE

SIR,—It is, I think, time that the Ministry of Health realized that in the last few months the outlook of the public and the medical profession engaged in panel practice has changed. A year ago the public, the Ministry, and the approved societies were engaged happily in ascribing all their ills to the panel doctors. It has been difficult for the Ministry to alienate the confidence of panel doctors, but it should realize that it has now achieved that end, and, furthermore, the public are, I believe, fast losing confidence in the Ministry and the approved societies.

As far as panel doctors were concerned, 329/I.C. was probably the last straw. After all, what does the panel system come to in simplest terms? That people are paid to be sick. What have been the consequences in other fields when these conditions existed? The vast production of psychoneurotic illness. Those of a previous generation will remember railway spine, and the D.A.H. and shell shock of war years. To take a concrete example: miners' nystagmus accounted for 460 compensated cases in 1908 and 11,334 in the year 1925. Comment is unnecessary. But the facts should give Government actuaries reason to pause before they lay the blame for the increase of sickness of panel patients on the shoulders of the practitioner rather than on the system. The doctors are no more to blame than the patients, and perhaps the patients, regarded as the unconscious victims of a system, least of all.

I believe that at the present time patients need the protection of their panel doctors more than at any previous period. They need that protection to see that they receive a decent standard of treatment unhampered by any mysterious statistical conclusions. And that standard of treatment must be nothing less than what we were taught should be required of us in general practice, by the teachers at the great voluntary hospitals, the national health formulary notwithstanding. Panel patients need the protection of their doctor, that they may have a reasonable time in which to recover from their illnesses, without needless intimidation of the R.M.O. And what of the functions of the R.M.O.? The Ministry appears to have created an official with the same wide powers enjoyed by coroners. R.M.O.'s do not appear to limit their activities to deciding whether or not the patient is fit for work. It is time that the activities of these gentlemen were limited to this function and this alone, and we should rest satisfied with nothing less. We cannot accept them as consultants. A consultant, in general, is a man at least in the full practice of his profession and in charge of hospital beds, and one who is known by those who consult him to have achieved eminence in his profession. Further comment would appear unnecessary.

In the interests of the patients we must insist that panel practice shall approximate as nearly as possible to private practice: the patient to have a free choice of doctor, and the doctor having the absolute right of taking on and discarding a patient. Benefits must be limited, and, most important of all, a fraction of the cost of all treatments must be borne by the patients and not be covered by insurance.—I am, etc.,

Braunton, Feb. 22nd. J. C. G. DICKINSON.

ANOTHER DOCTOR'S DILEMMA

SIR,—I had hoped that this week's *Supplement* would contain some correspondence relative to the report of an inquiry conducted by the order of the Minister of Health, which appeared on February 13th. The case appears to be very important, as it raises the difficult problem of the correct attitude of a practitioner towards a patient who refuses his advice to go to hospital.

I cannot remember the details, but I have a vivid recollection of the main outlines of a coroner's inquest which was reported in the lay press a year or two ago. They were as follows. A doctor advised a very ill patient to go to hospital. His advice was ignored. He repeated it subsequently, and was again ignored. Finally, when the patient was *in extremis*, consent was given, and he (or she) was removed to an institution. Death occurred, and for some reason an inquest was held. It was suggested in evidence that the patient's life might well have been saved had removal to hospital taken place at an earlier date. The coroner solemnly censured the practitioner because he had not insisted upon his advice being followed, and stated that in the event of persistent refusal he should have declined to attend further!

What should the poor G.P. do, faced with an ignorant and obstinate patient, ignorant and obstinate relatives, and knowing that of the only two courses open to him one may result in a fine of £25, the other in public censure by a coroner? I realize that according to the facts reported in the *Supplement* the practitioner weakened his case by supplying antiphlogistine and attending on one occasion after the date on which he "refused to go on with the case," but this point was not raised by the committee.

Where can one find an authoritative ruling which will keep one out of trouble?—I am, etc.,

Dulwich Village, S.E., Feb. 20th. DONALD M. O'CONNOR.

ANAESTHETIC FEES UNDER THE INSURANCE ACT.

SIR,—Dr. Harry Roberts (Supplement, February 20th, p. 67) has entirely misunderstood and misrepresented the reasons which actuated the London Panel Committee in passing the resolution in favour of abolishing anaesthetic fees. He refers to the constant efforts of the committee to minimize the panel doctor's responsibilities to his patients and to the challenging of the motives of one's professional acts by a committee of one's "colleagues."

When one bears in mind that the payments for anaesthetics constitute a first charge on the Practitioners' Fund it will be readily understood that each claim must be adequately scrutinized by the committee before it is passed for payment. In this regard the London Panel Committee is the guardian of the London panel practitioners' remuneration, and it is surely acting in the interests of "colleagues" when it questions payments to a few at the expense of the many. The

resolution to abolish the payment was passed for the following reasons:

1. We pay for anaesthetics ourselves—namely, out of the Practitioners' Fund.

2. We are all obliged to provide an anaesthetic when necessary.

3. Firms of practitioners who can readily obtain the services of a partner or assistant to administer an anaesthetic are apt to abuse their right to make a claim. (The greatest proportion of claims are submitted from firms of doctors.)

4. It is unfair that the committee should be asked to consider a claim when it is not in the position of viewing the surgical condition which in the opinion of the practitioner required the administration of a general anaesthetic for adequate treatment nor of ascertaining or judging the psychological factors operating in any given case.

Every panel practitioner will be affected in the same way if these payments are abolished, and the committee will save the valuable time occupied by the consideration of claims for payment of an anaesthetist. It has been argued that in future practitioners will send their anaesthetic cases to hospital. The answer is that it is incumbent upon every panel practitioner to provide an anaesthetic of the nature that panel practitioners are competent to administer to any panel patient requiring one. If a hospital refused to treat the case, it would still remain the practitioner's obligation to provide the anaesthetist, if necessary, at his own expense. The advantage of treating one's patients as far as possible without recourse to hospitals need not be discussed nor the kudos gained in arranging personally the administration of a general anaesthetic when indicated.—I am, etc.,

London, S.E.1, Feb. 23rd. ELLIS STUNGO.

British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

Midwifery Records

Medical practitioners who have undertaken to provide statistics relating to their private midwifery cases and are at present in possession of completed, or partly completed, questionaries, are requested to return the same to the Medical Secretary at the earliest possible date, in order to facilitate the work of the collation and analysis of these records.

Association Notices

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BATH, BRISTOL, AND SOMERSET BRANCH: WEST SOMERSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Somerset Division will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. R. G. Gordon (Bath) will give an address on the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, and the general practitioner. Tea will be served after the meeting.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: COVENTRY DIVISION.—A joint meeting of the Coventry Division with the Warwickshire Law Society will be held on Tuesday, March 1st.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division will be held at the Tamworth General Hospital on Thursday, March 10th. Mr. R. P. Scott-Mason will read a paper on recent advances in the treatment of empyema.

DERBYSHIRE BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield Division will be held in the Maternity Home, Chesterfield, on Friday, March 11th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Walter Howarth (St. Thomas's Hospital) will give a British Medical Association Lecture on nasal sinus infection. All members, including those of neighbouring Divisions, are cordially invited to the lecture; light refreshments at 8.15 p.m.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: WEST DORSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Dorset Division will be held on Tuesday, March 15th, at 3.15 p.m., at the County Hospital, Dorchester. Patients will be shown by the medical and surgical staff, and their cases discussed. Sir Francis Shipway will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on anaesthesia, to be followed by a discussion. The representative and deputy representative of the Division for 1932–33 will be elected.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: LANARKSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lanarkshire Division will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. A. W. Harrington will read a paper on the diagnosis and treatment of anaemia.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the East Hertfordshire Division will be held at the County Hospital, Hertford, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. E. W. Selby divisional medical officer, South-Eastern Division, will read a paper on the panel practitioner and the regional medical staff.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: PRESTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Preston Division will be held in the Massage Department, Royal Infirmary, on Tuesday, March 1st, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. L. S. T. Burrell will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on modern treatment of pneumonia.

MALAYA BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Malaya Branch will be held at the General Hospital, Penang, on March 25th, 26th, and 27th. An excursion will be made to Pulau Jerejak (quarantine station and leper camps), Batu Ferringhi (water supplies and anti-malarial measures), to Penang Hill, etc. The golf competition for the Watson Cup will be played over the Penang Golf Club links on March 26th, and the annual dinner will take place at the E. and O. Hotel on the same day. Out-station members will be assured of a cordial welcome by the Penang Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The seventh annual address to newly qualified medical practitioners and senior students of the London hospitals will be given in the Great Hall of the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C., on Tuesday, March 8th, at 5.30 p.m., by Mr. P. H. Mitchiner of St. Thomas's Hospital. The title of the address is "After the finals." The president of the Branch (Dr. Goodbody) will hold a reception at 5 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., on Tuesday, March 1st, at 9.30 p.m. Dr. T. Anwyl Davies will give a lantern demonstration on early syphilis in the female.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HENDON DIVISION.—A clinical meeting will be held by the Hendon Division at the Redhill Hospital, Burnt Oak, to-day (Friday, February 26th), at 8.30 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the North Middlesex Division will be held in the Southgate Council Offices, Palmer's Green, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda:—Ten-minute papers, Notes on cases: Dr. Alice Lloyd Williams, Cheiropompholyx; Dr. Kathleen McKeown, Pernicious anaemia; Dr. Beatrice Teverson, Splenic enlargement.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—A meeting of the St. Pancras Division will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Tuesday, March 8th, at 9 p.m. Mr. G. A. Back will give an address on a short holiday in Russia, illustrated by lantern slides.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at the West Middlesex Hospital on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., for general business. At 3.45 p.m. Dr. C. A. Robinson, physician in charge of the electrotherapeutic department, will give an address on the modern uses of diathermy, illustrated by cases and radiograms.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Stratford Division will be held at the Plaistow Fever Hospital on Tuesday, March 8th, at 3 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER AND HOLBORN DIVISION.—A dinner meeting of the Westminster and Holborn Division will be held at the Hotel Washington, Curzon Street, W.1, on Thursday, March 10th, at 7.45 p.m. sharp. At about 9.15 p.m. a discussion will be opened by

Dr. C. P. Blacker on eugenic sterilization. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members, and medical guests are cordially welcomed. Those who wish to be present for dinner (price 5s. payable at the table) are asked to notify Dr. Cedric Hilliard (6, Seymour Street, W.1) before March 8th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WOOLWICH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Woolwich Division will be held at the War Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 1st, at 8.45 p.m. Mr. Harold Taylor will speak on modern methods of treatment at the climacteric. Non-members are invited to this meeting.

MIDLAND BRANCH: BUXTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Buxton Division will be held at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, on Thursday, March 3rd, at 8.15 p.m. Dr. A. E. Barnes (senior physician to the Sheffield Royal Infirmary) will read a paper on abdominal palpation. The annual medical charities ball will be held at the Spa Hotel, Buxton, on Friday, March 11th (9 p.m. to 2 a.m.).

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on Thursday, March 10th, at 9.30 p.m., preceded by a supper at 9 p.m. (3s. 6d., including gratuities). An address will be given by Dr. Mark Taylor, regional medical officer, entitled "Incapacity to work." Members from other Divisions will be heartily welcome.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Swansea Division to be held on Thursday, March 3rd, Dr. H. L. Tidy will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—An intermediate meeting of the South-Western Branch will be held at Barnstaple on Wednesday, March 16th.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: EXETER DIVISION.—A meeting of the Exeter Division will be held in the Library of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on Thursday, March 3rd, at 3.45 p.m. Dr. W. Robb will lecture on the clinical pathology of the alimentary tract.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, March 3rd, at 4 p.m. (tea served at 3.45 p.m.). Dr. James Watts will read a paper on pulmonary tuberculosis and the general practitioner.

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION. — A meeting of the Kingston-on-Thames Division will be held at Surbiton Hospital on Tuesday, March 8th. Dr. S. Rowbotham will read a paper on some recent advances in anaesthetics.

SURREY BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Reigate Division will be held at the East Surrey Hospital on Tuesday, March 8th, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. J. Stanley White will give an address on some recent aspects of gland therapy, with special reference to the sex hormones, illustrated by lantern slides.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—A conjoint meeting of the Brighton Division and the British Dental Association will be held on Tuesday, March 8th.

SUSSEX BRANCH: CHICHESTER AND WORTHING DIVISION.—A meeting of the Chichester and Worthing Division will be held at the Burlington Hotel, Worthing, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 6 p.m. Mr. Geoffrey Keynes will read a paper on some thyroid problems in medicine and surgery. Dinner will be at 7.30 p.m., and members intending to be present are asked to notify the assistant secretary.

SUSSEX BRANCH: HASTINGS DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Hastings Division will be held at the Royal East Sussex Hospital on Tuesday, March 1st, at 8.15 p.m. An address will be given by Dr. R. A. O'Brien (director of the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories) on the serologist and the practical relationship of his work to clinical medicine. The British Health Resorts Association is holding its second regional conference (South-Eastern Region, Southern Section), in conjunction with the Hastings Division, at Hastings on March 4th to 7th. The conference will be held, under the presidency of the Mayor of Hastings (Councillor G. H. Ormerod), at the Queen's Hotel, Hastings. The business sessions will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The chairmen of the morning and afternoon sessions will be Dr. W. G. Willoughby, President of the British Medical Association, and Lord Meston respectively. It is hoped that as many members of the British Medical Association as can find it convenient will attend.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: SWINDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Swindon Division will be held at the Victoria Hospital, Swindon, on Wednesday, March 16th, at 9 p.m. Professor E. Hey Groves will deliver an address on radium.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: DEWSBURY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Dewsbury Division will be held at the Carlton Club on Friday, March 11th, preceded by supper at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Dobson (Leeds) will read a paper on some aspects of urology, with lantern illustrations.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: LEEDS DIVISION.—A meeting of the Leeds Division will be held on Friday, March 11th. Professor Vining will read a paper on diseases of children.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division will be held at the Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield, on Thursday, March 3rd, preceded by supper (3s.) at 7.45 p.m. A discussion on criminal abortion will take place. Mr. C. J. Howarth and Mr. W. Bentley, coroners for the West Riding and Pontefract, will address the meeting, and members of the Wakefield Incorporated Law Society have been invited.

TABLE OF DATES

Mar. 16, Wed.	Branch Reports for 1931 due by this date.
Mar. 26, Sat.	Nomination papers available at Head Office for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and 2 Public Health Service members of Council and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
April 30, Sat.	Publication of Annual Report of Council in *Supplement*.
	Last day for receipt at Head Office of nominations: by a Division of not less than 3 members, for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and for election of 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
May 14, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of nominations for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in British Isles; 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body. Voting papers posted from Head Office where there are contests.
May 17, Tues.	Motions by Divisions and Branches for A.R.M. agenda on matters of which 2 months' notice is required must be received at Head Office by this date.
May 21, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of motions by Divisions and Branches for A.R.M. on matters of which 2 months' notice must be given.
	Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be elected by this date.
	Last day for receipt at Head Office of voting papers for election, where there are contests, of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
June 4, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of results of election of members of Council by grouped Branches, and of members of Council and Representatives in Representative Body by Public Health Service members.
	Nomination papers available at Head Office for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives (British Isles).
June 8, Wed.	Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be received at Head Office by this date.
June 25, Sat.	Publication of Supplementary Report of Council in *Supplement*.
	Meetings of constituencies must be held between this date and July 21st, to instruct Representatives.
July 5, Tues.	Amendments and riders for inclusion in A.R.M. agenda must be received at Head Office by this date.
	CENTENARY MEETING
July 21, Thurs.	Annual Representative Meeting, British Medical Association House, London.
July 22, Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting.
July 23, Sat.	Annual Representative Meeting. Council.
	Annual General Meeting.
July 24, Sun.	Pilgrimage to Worcester.
July 25, Mon.	Annual Representative Meeting.
July 26, Tues.	Council.
	Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address, Queen's Hall.
	President's reception, Albert Hall.
July 27, Wed.	Meetings of Sections, etc.
July 28, Thurs.	Meetings of Sections, etc.
	Centenary dinner.
July 29, Fri.	Meetings of Sections, etc.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON AND RUGBY DIVISIONS

A general and special meeting of the Warwick and Leamington Division, in conjunction with the Rugby Division, was held on February 11th.

In connexion with the proposed scheme for the provision of spa treatment for members of friendly societies, the Executive Committee was appointed a Spa Committee, with the addition of one co-opted member. The Executive Committee was also appointed to act as the local Hospital Advisory Committee.

The binding resolutions relating to salaries and domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers were unanimously adopted.

The chairman and secretary were deputed to settle the preliminary arrangements for a dinner, to be held in the late spring or in the summer.

DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

The inaugural meeting of the Derbyshire Branch was held at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary on January 29th, when twenty-one members were present. Dr. H. W. POOLER was elected chairman.

The Model Rules of Organization of the Branch, as completed, and the revised Ethical Rules were adopted. On the motion of the chairman it was agreed that such officers (not subject to re-election) as should be appointed at this meeting be termed "elect," and be deemed to take office as from the date of the annual meeting. The following officers were appointed:

President-Elect, Dr. H. Barber. *Vice-Presidents Elect*, Dr. J. A. Watt, Dr. J. E. Harburn. *Secretary*, Dr. L. S. Potter.

It was decided that the election of "associate members" and the consideration of future meetings should be left until a meeting of the Branch Council took place, to be held in the second week in March.

The reply by the county council to a letter previously sent by the four Divisions in Derbyshire, regarding payment of fees to practitioners for furnishing, on request, information which may enable coroners to dispense with inquests, was discussed. The secretary was instructed to request that a deputation, consisting of Drs. Barber, Watt, Pooler, and Potter, be received to consider the question.

ESSEX BRANCH: SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION

A meeting of the South Essex Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Westcliff, on February 9th. Dr. F. G. CROOKSHANK delivered a British Medical Association Lecture on the psychological interest in general practice. After questions had been asked, a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. GORDON HOPKINS, seconded by Dr. J. F. WALKER, was accorded with acclamation to Dr. Crookshank for his interesting address.

GIBRALTAR BRANCH

A clinical meeting of the Gibraltar Branch was held at the Colonial Hospital on February 5th, when the president, Dr. L. H. GILL, was in the chair, and fourteen members were present. A number of medical officers from the Atlantic Fleet, at the time stationed in Gibraltar, attended the meeting as guests. After tea the members and guests proceeded to the wards, where a number of interesting cases were demonstrated.

Dr. LOCHHEAD showed a case of diaphyseal aclasia, illustrated by some excellent radiograms. He noted the familial nature of the condition, as well as its rarity. The mother, a brother, and a sister of the patient had suffered from the disease. He also exhibited a radiogram showing peculiar shadows in the muscles, which were due to injection of lipiodol, administered at different times therapeutically. Dr. GRIFFITHS demonstrated a case of Morvan's disease, where the patient had had the left arm and right leg amputated, and some of the digits of the remaining limbs were showing signs of gangrene. He showed also a case of encephalitis lethargica followed by complete recovery.

Dr. DEALE gave a description of his treatment of fractures in accordance with Bohler's methods. He insisted on the advantage of injecting novocain, in 1 or 2 per cent. solution, directly into the site of the fracture, which greatly facilitated manipulations, not only by eliminating pain, but also by causing relaxation of the muscles. He demonstrated several cases treated by this method. With reference to the healing of cavities in old-standing cases of osteomyelitis, the lecturer, by means of a plaster cast, demonstrated a method of filling the cavity with a hinged flap of bone cut out of the edge of the cavity itself, and left attached by the periosteum along one border. This flap completely filled up the cavity, and was invariably followed by healing.

A very successful meeting ended with cordial votes of thanks to Drs. Lochhead, Griffiths, and Deale for their interesting demonstrations.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: AYRSHIRE DIVISION

A meeting of the Ayrshire Division was held in the Kilmarnock Infirmary on January 28th, when a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by Dr. DONALD MCINTYRE (Glasgow). He dealt with the subject of maternal disability following injuries in childbirth, pointing out especially that, in view of the attention being paid at the moment to puerperal sepsis, there was a danger of this having the effect of magnifying its importance in relation to other causes of disablement. He was of opinion that injury was a more important primary factor in maternal mortality and disablement—either rupture or pressure injury. An analysis of the figures for the Glasgow Maternity Hospital and the Royal Samaritan Hospital, Glasgow, bore out the lecturer's contention.

At the conclusion of the lecture questions were asked by Drs. W. D. FREW, A. J. GIBSON, W. H. HOWAT, and J. W. PEDEN, and, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. McIntyre.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: ST. ALBANS DIVISION

A meeting of the St. Albans Division was held on February 3rd, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. J. SMITH. There was a good attendance of members and non-members, including all the local veterinary surgeons, Lord Chetwynd, and Mr. Smith of the Herts Agricultural Institute, with some of his staff. After the usual business, there was a very interesting and instructive discussion on the supply of milk to the public.

The discussion proved very wide and varied, and each speaker gave his views from the standpoint of his particular specialty. Dr. TOM HARE, professor of pathology at the Royal Veterinary College, opened, and was followed by Mr. G. ELMES, F.R.C.V.S., one of the local veterinary surgeons. Dr. GARROD of St. Bartholomew's Hospital spoke from the bacteriologist's viewpoint, Dr. R. K. PATON from that of the medical officer of health, while Lord CHETWYND and Mr. HUNTER SMITH gave their opinions as representing the milk producers.

MALAYA BRANCH: PENANG DIVISION

A meeting of the Penang Division was held in the Pathological Laboratory in Penang on January 15th. Dr. J. A. COWAN gave an interesting address upon the Wassermann test in diagnosis, based upon local experience. He dealt also with the question of the Wassermann reaction in leprosy, on which research was now proceeding.

A Sikh patient suffering from subluxation of the lens was shown by Dr. BRANDON BRAVO; there was also a demonstration of pathological specimens. Subsequently the programme was arranged for the annual meeting of the Branch, to take place at Easter.

NORFOLK BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION

A meeting of the West Norfolk Division was held at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital on January 21st, with Dr. APPLETON in the chair. The question of the formation of a hospitals consultative committee was discussed and agreed upon.

Dr. A. LISLE PUNCH read a paper on the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, in which he classified the various arrhythmias and explained their significance and appropriate treatment. After some discussion the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Dr. Punch.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BLYTH DIVISION

The annual general meeting of the Blyth Division was held at the Thomas Knight Memorial Hospital, Blyth, on February 10th. Considerable discussion took place on various matters raised in correspondence submitted to the meeting.

The following officers were nominated, and their installation will take place at the annual dinner of the Division:

Chairman, Dr. W. I. Gordon. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. L. L. Steele. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. W. C. Lowry.

Dr. LOWRY showed a cinematograph film, lent by Petrolagar Laboratories Ltd., illustrating gall-bladder contraction and evacuation. At the close of the meeting coffee was served by the sisters of the hospital.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION

The fifth scientific meeting of the session of the Portsmouth Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on February 11th, when the chairman, Dr. McASKIE, presided, and fifty members were present, of whom thirty-three sat down to the preceding supper.

Dr. T. F. COTTON gave an address on heart failure and its treatment. The subject was dealt with from a practical point of view, so as to be especially useful to general practitioners, and an interesting discussion ensued, in which Drs. McASKIE, FARNCOMBE, H. MULVANY, DEWHURST, HERN, and ASTON KEY took part. On the motion of Dr. LYTLE, seconded by Dr. UNA MULVANY, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Cotton.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION

A meeting of the Swansea Division was held at the Hotel Metropole, Swansea, on February 4th. The proceedings took the form of a supper, at which the guest of the evening was Dr. ALFRED COX, the Medical Secretary. A good number of members turned up to enjoy an address given by Dr. Cox, entitled "The reminiscences of a Medical Secretary," at the conclusion of the supper. The Division was very grateful to Dr. Cox for giving it such an interesting evening, and showed its appreciation in no uncertain manner.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION

A meeting of the Croydon Division was held at the Croydon General Hospital on February 16th, when the chairman, Dr. SCUDAMORE, presided. Dr. C. G. C. Scudamore and Mr. E. M. Cowell were elected representatives in the Representative Body, and Mr. G. E. Brayne-Nicholls and Dr. J. H. Thompson deputy representatives.

At the conclusion of the general business, Mr. CECIL A. JOLL gave an address on thyrotoxicosis and its treatment; this was followed by a discussion, in which many of those present took part. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Joll for his address.

SUSSEX BRANCH: HASTINGS DIVISION

An ordinary meeting of the Hastings Division was held at the Buchanan Hospital on February 2nd, when Dr. J. C. LEE, chairman of the Division, presided.

Following the ordinary business, Dame LOUISE McILROY gave an address on the prevention of foetal and neo-natal mortality. The lecturer at the outset stressed the point that the interests of the mother must come first. In discussing the prevention of foetal and neo-natal deaths, she pointed out that, in spite of all efforts, little had been accomplished in reducing these. Dame Louise McIlroy, in discussing the causes of abortion, laid emphasis on the importance of the toxaemias of pregnancy, diseases of the teeth being one of the most important factors in their production. She discussed in detail the disorders of pregnancy and outlined their prevention, impressing on her hearers that nephritis was the commonest cause of death of the foetus, syphilitic abortion as such was not so common as was supposed, and that the *Bacillus coli communis* was "the bugbear of toxaemias of pregnancy." The *B. coli* was responsible for many of the cases of puerperal septicaemia, and it was mentioned in passing that a common cause for the spread of this disorder was the use of non-sterile bedpans. The lecturer went on to discuss antenatal supervision in the later months of pregnancy and the indications for intervention, surgical and otherwise. Death of the foetus during labour was due in many cases to prolonged pressure on the head and asphyxia. The prevention of asphyxia was given some prominence, and the violent manipulations of the too-anxious accoucheur were deplored. The most important factor in treating asphyxia neonatorum was to clear the respiratory passages, and the more frequent use of a soft rubber catheter as an aspirator was urged. The use of carbon dioxide was invaluable to stimulate the respiratory centre. In after-care of the infant the use of oil instead of the usual water baths was mentioned, and other methods for preventing the radiation of body heat from the infant. A splendid series of lantern slides was used to illustrate the lecture, and an excellent discussion followed, in which many members took part.

Dr. G. C. ANDERSON, Deputy Medical Secretary, then addressed the meeting on the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board Scheme. His address, which was well received by the meeting, cleared up many points which had been raised by members.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dame Louise McIlroy and to Dr. Anderson concluded the business of the meeting.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders A. L. McDonnell to the *Canterbury*; A. de B. Joyce to the *President*, for course.

Surgeon Lieutenant J. J. Keevil to the *Alecto*.

The seniority of Surgeon Lieutenant A. K. Stevenson is adjusted to January 1st, 1930.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander F. A. McLaughlin to the *Repulse*.

Surgeon Lieutenant E. F. St. J. Lyburn to the *Victory*, for Haslar Hospital.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenants J. F. Heggie and E. A. H. Hindhaugh to be Surgeon Lieutenants.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Col. H. E. Priestley, C.M.G., is placed on the half-pay list on account of ill-health.

Major (temporary Lieut.-Col.) A. E. B. Jones to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major A. Hendry to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major J. E. Hoar, Regular Army Reserve of Officers, relinquishes his appointment under Article 520 (*b*), Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1931.

The appointment of Lieutenant W. R. M. Drew is antedated to October 1st, 1930, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to May 29th, 1931.

The following Lieutenants (on probation) are confirmed in their rank: J. T. Robinson, W. A. Robinson, F. K. Bush, A. Macdonald, W. R. M. Drew, J. B. George, W. B. F. Brennan, and B. Blewitt.

Lieutenant (on probation) H. V. Tighe resigns his commission.

To be Lieutenants on probation: J. B. Macfarlane, and is seconded under the provisions of Article 213, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1931; P. J. Richards.

C. W. A. Kimbell is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Lieutenant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Squadron Leaders T. C. St. C. Morton and P. C. Livingston to Depot, Uxbridge, on transfer to Home Establishment; R. Boog-Watson to No. 5 Flying Training School for duty as medical officer; E. N. H. Gray to Headquarters, Inland Area, for duty as medical officer.

Flight Lieutenants G. J. Hanly to P.M.R.A.F. Hospital, Halton; J. C. Neely to Station Headquarters, Kenley; J. Kemp to Station Headquarters, Northolt; P. J. McNally to Station, Hawkinge; C. G. Harold to Base, Calshot; H. C. S. Pimblett is granted a permanent commission in this rank.

Flying Officers F. I. G. Tweedie to Headquarters, Iraq Command, Hinaidi; R. L. Raymond to Medical Training Depot, Halton.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants: W. J. Hutchinson, D. Magrath, W. A. Beck, M. D. Rawkins.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Colonel R. E. Bickerton, D.S.O., to be Honorary Colonel, 56th (1st London) Division.

Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Colonel L. A. Harwood, from R.A.M.C., T.A., to be Colonel, with seniority February 16th, 1929, and to be A.D.M.S 56th (1st London) Division, T.A., vice Colonel R. E. Bickerton, D.S.O., who vacates the appointment on completion of tenure.

Lieut.-Col. F. T. Rees, M.C., to be Brevet Colonel.

Major J. L. Hamilton, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and to command 167th (City of London) Field Ambulance.

Major T. C. Bowie, R.A.M.C., to be Divisional Adjutant, 52nd (Lowland) Division, vice Captain C. A. Hutchinson, R.A.M.C., who vacates the appointment on completion of tenure.

Major G. G. B. Holroyde, M.C., R.A.M.C., to be Divisional Adjutant, 48th (South Midland) Division, vice Major W. Y. Eccott, R.A.M.C., who vacates the appointment on completion of tenure.

Lieutenants to be Captains: R. I. Poston, W. F. Mulvey.

B. A. Pain to be Lieutenant.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Drs. P. H. Martin and R. Lewthwaite appointed Bacteriologist and Pathologist, Institute for Medical Research, Federated Malay States, respectively. Dr. C. S. J. Kearney has resigned his appointment as Medical Officer, Nigeria. Dr. C. J. Wilson, M.C., appointed Director of Medical and Health Services, Straits Settlements, and Adviser, Medical and Health Services, Malay States. Dr. J. C. R. Buchanan appointed Medical Officer, Tanganyika. Dr. C. R. Philip appointed Medical Officer of Health, Digo District and contained townships, Kenya. Dr. G. M. Sanderson has retired from the post of Senior Health Officer, Nyasaland. Dr. D. Duff appointed Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Gold Coast. Dr. A. F. H. Stewart appointed Government Medical Officer, Trinidad. Dr. H. G. Wiltshire appointed Pathologist, Zanzibar. Dr. E. F. Ward, Senior Medical Officer, Gold Coast, has retired on pension.

VACANCIES

ABERDEEN ROYAL MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior A.P. (male, unmarried).

ALL SAINTS HOSPITAL FOR GENITO-URINARY DISEASES.—H.S. (male).

ANTRIM: COUNTY OF ANTRIM MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Superintendent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE: DISTRICT INFIRMARY.—H.S.

BATH AND WESSEX CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Coombe Park.—Radiologist.

BIRKENHEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior H.S. (2) H.P. (3) C.O.

BIRMINGHAM CITY.—R.M.O. (lady) at Canwell Hall Babies' Hospital.

BOOTLE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Hon. Orthopaedic S.

BRIGHTON EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant S.M.O. and Assistant to M.O.H. (male).

BRISTOL EYE HOSPITAL.—Hon. Assistant S.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—Three H.S., one for Special Departments. Males, unmarried.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—H.S.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.2.—(1) Surgical Registrar. (2) Obstetric Registrar.

CITY OF LONDON MATERNITY HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.1.—Assistant R.M.O.

DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Two H.S.

EAST HAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S. and C.O.

EAST LANCASHIRE TUBERCULOSIS COLONY, Barrowmore Hall.—A.M.O. (male).

EDINBURGH: ELSIE INGLIS MEMORIAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (woman).

EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—(1) H.P. (2) J.H.S. Women.

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON HOSPITAL, Euston Road, N.W.1.—Obstetric Assistant (woman).

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—C.O. and H.S. to Special Departments.

GLASGOW CORPORATION.—Junior R.M.O. (male) for Hawkhead Asylum.

GLASGOW: ROYAL SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—R.H.S.

GREAT YARMOUTH GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior H.S. (2) Junior H.S.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOROUGH.—Senior R.M.O. at St. Luke's Hospital.

HARROGATE INFIRMARY.—J.H.S. (male).

HERTFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

HOVE: LADY CHICHESTER HOSPITAL.—J.H.P. (woman).

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—(1) H.S. (2) H.P. Males.

JEWISH MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Underwood Street, E.1.—(1) Hon. Consultant Surgeon. (2) R.M.O.

KING EDWARD VII WELSH NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Bacteriologist at Central Tuberculosis Laboratory.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Junior S. in Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

LANCASHIRE MENTAL HOSPITALS BOARD.—A.M.O. (male, unmarried) at Calderstones.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) H.S. (2) C.H.S. (3) Two H.P.

LIVERPOOL: CROFTON RECOVERY HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Aigburth.—M.O. (female, non-resident).

LONDON LOCK HOSPITALS.—Surgical Registrars at (1) Male Lock Hospital, (2) Female Lock Hospital.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.1.—H.P. (male).

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.H.S. (unmarried).

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—J.H.S.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Non-resident Medical Registrar to Out-patients.

MANCHESTER: ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) R.M.O. (2) Two A.M.O.'s for O.P. Department.

MEXBOROUGH: MONTAGU HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (lady).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.—Junior R.A.M.O. (male) at North Middlesex County Hospital.

MIDLOTHIAN, WESTLOTHIAN, AND PEEBLES COUNTY COUNCILS.—Assistant M.O.H. and T.O.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer and Registrar. (2) H.P. (3) Anaesthetist. Males.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART, Westmoreland Street, W.1.—(1) R.M.O. (2) Out-patient M.O. (non-resident). Males.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—(1) H.P. (2) Senior H.S. (3) J.H.S.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: PRINCESS MARY MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (male).

NEWPORT (MON.) COUNTY BOROUGH.—M.O.H., etc.

NOTTINGHAM CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Second A.M.O.

PORTSMOUTH: ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

PRINCE OF WALES'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tottenham, N.15.—(1) Senior H.P. (2) Two Senior H.S. (3) J.H.P. (4) Two J.H.S. Males.

PRINCESS LOUISE KENSINGTON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—H.P.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—(1) H.P. (2) C.O., with some Ophthalmic Work.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—H.P. (male).

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, 234, Great Portland Street, W.1.—(1) H.S. (2) H.S. at Country Branch, Stanmore.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—R.M.O. (male).

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Out-patient and In-patient Registrars.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA: BUCHANAN HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (female).

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, Henrietta Street, W.C.2.—H.S. (male).

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, S.E.1.—Ophthalmic Registrar and Refractionist.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.S. for (*a*) Orthopaedic Department, (*b*) Genito-Urinary Department, (*c*) Neurological Department, (*d*) Aural, Skin, and Gynaecological Departments. (2) C.H.S.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—(1) H.P. and H.S. at Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. (2) H.P. at Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens. Males.

SHEFFIELD: JESSOP HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—H.S. (male).

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA NEW GENERAL (VOLUNTARY) HOSPITAL.—(1) S. (2) P. (3) Gynaecological and Obstetric S. (4) Therapy Specialist. (5) Anaesthetist. (6) Dermatologist. (7) R.M.O.

WALSALL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. and Resident Pathologist. (2) H.S.

WOLVERHAMPTON: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) R.A.S. (2) H.S. for Ear, Nose, and Throat Department (unmarried).

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY.—Three H.S. (males).

YORKSHIRE: COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING.—School Medical Inspectors.

MEDICAL REFEREE under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, for the Sheriffdom of Lanark. Applications to the Private Secretary, Scottish Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, by March 15th.

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DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Museum Demonstrations: *Mon.*, 5 p.m., Sir Arthur Keith, Specimens Illustrating Bone Grafting, Successful and Unsuccessful; *Fri.*, 5 p.m., Mr. Eric D. Moir, Functions and Pathology of the Great Omentum.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—*Tues.* and *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Goulstonian Lectures by Dr. L. J. Witts, The Pathology and Treatment of Anaemia.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8 for 8.30 p.m. Laboratory Meeting at Pathological Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Demonstrations and Short Communications.

Section of Orthopaedics.—Tues., 8.30 p.m. Discussion: Fractures in the Region of the Ankle-joint. Opener, Mr. R. Broomhead, followed by Mr. J. P. Hosford and Mr. E. P. Brockman.

Section of History of Medicine.—Wed., 5 p.m. Discussion: The History of the Introduction of Biochemistry into Medicine. Opener, Dr. W. Langdon Brown.

Section of Surgery.—Wed., 8.30 p.m. Mr. Nils Eckhoff and Mr. D. W. C. Northfield: Results of Treatment of Fractures about the Elbow. Mr. C. W. Flemming: Fracture of Head of the Radius. Mr. R. S. Pilcher: Endothelioma of Lymph Nodes. Mr. T. H. Sellors: Thoracic Exposure of the Diaphragm and Lower Oesophagus.

Section of Tropical Diseases and Parasitology.—Thurs., 8 p.m. Dr. C. C. Chesterman: The Training and Employment of African Natives as Medical Assistants.

Section of Otology.—Fri., 9.30 a.m., Cases. 10.30 a.m., Drs. A. de Kleyn and A. Gray: Bilateral Acoustic Tumour. Dr. A. Gray: Pathological Changes in the Auditory Nerve in Oto-sclerosis and their Clinical Significance.

Section of Laryngology.—Fri., 4 p.m., Cases. 5 p.m., Discussion: Treatment of Suppurating Maxillary Sinusitis. Openers, Mr. W. M. Mollison and Mr. A. J. Wright. Paper: Dr. Douglas Guthrie, Operative Closure of Oro-maxillary Fistula. Cases and specimens will be shown.

Section of Anaesthetics.—Fri., 8.30 p.m. Dr. C. W. Morris: Anaesthesia for Major Throat Operations.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, Rembrandt Hotel, Brompton Road.—*Fri.*, 7.30 p.m. Dinner Meeting.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY, Medical School, University.—*Wed.*, 4.30 p.m., Joint Meeting with the Liverpool Medical Institution.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Mon.*, 9 p.m., First Lettsomian Lecture by Mr. F. A. Williamson-Noble: The Reactions of the Eye to General Disease.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HYGIENE (in collaboration with the HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM), 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Wed., 5.30 p.m. Mr. T. A. Rodger: A Vocational Psychologist at Borstal.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—At *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.: "Treatment" Series; Wed., 4 p.m., Dr. F. D. Howitt, Arthritis; open to members only. M.R.C.P. Evening Course: At *London Temperance Hospital*, Out-patient Department, Hampstead Road, Mon. and Fri., 8 p.m., five Demonstrators each evening, Special Cases; at *Medical Society Lecture Room*, Wed., 8.30 p.m., Dr. C. E. Lakin, Some Medical Cases, with Comments; at *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, In-patient Department, Gloucester Gate, N.W., Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Mr. Lindsay Rea, Ophthalmic Demonstration; open to members only—apply Fellowship of Medicine. *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, 73, Welbeck Street, W.1: Lecture-Demonstrations daily at 5 p.m. *Bethlem Royal Hospital*, Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham: Tues. and Fri., 11 a.m., Lecture-Demonstration in Psychological Medicine. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology, all day. (Above courses open only to members; apply Fellowship of Medicine.) *Children's Heart Hospital*, West Wickham, Kent: Sat., 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, Dr. Bernard Schlesinger, Demonstration of Rheumatic Infections and Heart Disease in Children; apply Fellowship of Medicine by March 1st—limited to ten. *Prince of Wales's Hospital*, Tottenham, N.: Tues., 2 p.m., Mr. W. E. Tanner, Demonstration in Out-patient Department. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Tues., 3 p.m., Dr. Gerald Slot, Demonstration of Rheumatism and Heart Disease.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—*Fri.*, 4 p.m., Mr. A. Lowndes Yates, The Indications for Removal of Tonsils.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, W.C.—*Sun.*, 10.45 a.m., Mr. H. E. Batten, Flat-foot; 11.45 a.m., Dr. A. A. W. Petrie, Diagnosis and Treatment of General Paralysis of the Insane.

GUY'S HOSPITAL (Physiological Theatre), S.E.—*Mon.*, 5 p.m., Dr. A. F. Hurst, Movements of the Stomach and Intestines.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Dr. H. Courtney Gage, X-Ray Diagnosis of Diseases of the Alimentary Tract.

INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGY, Friends House, Euston Road, N.W.—*Wed.*, 3 p.m., Dr. E. Graham Howe, Love: the Role of the Mother; 4.30 p.m., Dr. H. Crichton-Miller, Neurasthenia and Vagotonia.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Denmark Hill, S.E.—*Thurs.*, 9 p.m., Mr. V. E. Negus, Diseases of the Oesophagus.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—*Tues.* and *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Dr. W. Griffith, Eczema.

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NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—*Mon.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics, Operations. *Tues.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Clinics, Operations. *Wed.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics, Operations. *Thurs.*, 11.30 a.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, and Children's Clinics, Operations. *Fri.*, 10.30 p.m., Throat Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics, Operations.

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Coventry Division: Coventry.
Hastings Division: Royal East Sussex Hospital, 8.15 p.m. Address by Dr. R. A. O'Brien.
Preston Division: Massage Department, Royal Infirmary, 8.30 p.m. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. L. S. T. Burrell.
Woolwich Division: War Memorial Hospital, 8.45 p.m. Paper by Mr. Harold Taylor.

2 Wed. London: Committee on Arthritis and Allied Conditions, 2.15 p.m.
Chichester and Worthing Division: Burlington Hotel, Worthing, 6 p.m. Paper by Mr. Geoffrey Keynes. 7.30 p.m., Dinner.
East Hertfordshire Division: County Hospital, Hertford, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. E. W. Selby.
Lanarkshire Division: Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, 3.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. A. W. Harrington.
North Middlesex Division: Southgate Council Offices, Palmer's Green, 3.30 p.m. Papers by Drs. Alice Lloyd Williams, Kathleen McKeown, and Beatrice Teverson.
South Middlesex Division: West Middlesex Hospital 3.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. C. A. Robison.

3 Thurs. London: National Insurance Defence Trust, Sub-Committee on Aged and Infirm Insurance Practitioners, 11.30 a.m.
London: Insurance Acts Committee, Pensions Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
Buxton Division: Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, 8.15 p.m. Paper by Dr. A. E. Barnes.
Exeter Division: Library, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, 3.45 p.m. Lecture by Dr. W. Robb.
Guildford Division: Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 3.45 p.m. Tea. Paper by Dr. James Watts.
Swansea Division: Swansea. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. H. L. Tidy.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division: Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield, 7.45 p.m. Address by Mr. C. J. Howarth and Mr. W. Bentley.

4 Fri. London: Road Accidents Subcommittee, 2 p.m. Conference with Representatives of Insurance Companies, 2.45 p.m.

8 Tues. London: Maternity and Child Welfare Subcommittee, 2.15 p.m.
Brighton Division: Brighton.
Kingston-on-Thames Division: Surbiton Hospital. Paper by Dr. S. Rowbotham.

9 Wed. London: Propaganda Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.

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KERR.—On January 16th, 1932, to Emmie, wife of C. H. Kerr, M.D., 1, Woodberry Avenue, N.21, a son.

DEATHS

CATHCART.—At a nursing home, Edinburgh, on February 22nd, Charles W. Cathcart, F.R.C.S.Eng. and Ed., of 13, Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh.

CURETON.—On February 17th, 1932, at Shrewsbury, Edward Cureton, M.D., aged 74.

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